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SODTOWN TELEPHONE COMPANY

RAVENNA, NEBRASKA

STATEMENTS OF INCOME

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

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	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Operating revenues:		
Basic local network services	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Network access services	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Billing and collection	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Miscellaneous	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Operating expenses:		
Plant specific operations	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Plant nonspecific operations	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Depreciation	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Customer operations	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Corporate operations	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Property taxes	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Operating income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Miscellaneous	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Special charges	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Income tax effects of above - current	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net income	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

	<u>Membership Certificates</u>	<u>Patrons' Capital Credits Assigned</u>	<u>Patrons' Capital Credits Assignable</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance - December 31, 2010	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Change in memberships	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Assignment of 2010 patrons' capital	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Distributions	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Balance - December 31, 2011	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Change in memberships	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Assignment of 2011 patrons' capital	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Distributions	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Balance - December 31, 2012	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from consumers	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Income tax refund received	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Interest and dividends received	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net cash provided by operating activities	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Capital credits paid	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Memberships returned	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Decrease in:		
Customer deposits and advanced payments	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net cash used by financing activities	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net decrease in cash	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cash - beginning of year	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cash - end of year	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net income	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Reinvested interest income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Prepaid income taxes	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Prepayments	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Sodtown Telephone Company provides communication services to customers located in rural Ravenna, Nebraska. The Company grants credit to customers, substantially all of whom are residents of the areas served.

System of Accounts

The accounting policies of the company conform to generally accepted accounting principles and reflect practices appropriate to the telephone industry. The accounting records of the company are maintained in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts for Class A and B Telephone Utilities as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Property and Equipment

Telephone plant is capitalized at original cost, including the capitalized cost of salaries and wages, materials, certain payroll taxes and employee benefits.

Renewals and betterments of units of property are charged to telephone plant in service. When telephone plant is retired, its cost is removed from the asset account and charged against accumulated depreciation, together with removal costs less any salvage realized. No gains or losses are recognized in connection with routine retirements of depreciable telephone property. Substantial early retirements of assets are charged to deferred charges and amortized in accordance with the rules of the Nebraska Public Service Commission. Repairs and renewals of minor items of property are included in plant specific operations expense.

Depreciation

The Company provides for depreciation for financial reporting purposes on the straight-line method by the application of rates based on the estimated service lives of the various classes of depreciable property, as approved by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Cash and Temporary Cash Investments

Cash consists primarily of checking and savings accounts, which may be liquidated in a period of less than 90 days. Certificates of deposit and other securities with original maturities of one year or less are classified as short-term cash investments. Cash and short-term cash investments are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

Telecommunications Accounts Receivable

The Company carries its accounts receivable at cost. Management evaluates its accounts receivable on a periodic basis. Doubtful accounts are written off as deemed necessary. It is management's opinion that all accounts represented on the balance sheet are collectible.

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Materials and Supplies

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined principally by the average cost method. Inventories consist of finished goods such as cable and pedestals.

Patronage Capital

The Company is a Cooperative of which most subscribers are members. A membership certificate is issued to each subscriber who becomes a member, which will allow the subscriber to vote at the annual meeting. Each subscriber is allocated a portion of margins from member income based on usage.

Revenue Recognition

Toll, access, local service and miscellaneous revenues are recognized when earned regardless of the period in which they are billed.

Network access revenue related to interlata and intralata toll service is received under a system of access charges. Access charges represent a methodology by which local telephone companies, including the Company, charge the long distance carrier for access and interconnection to local facilities. The Company follows an access tariff filed with the Nebraska Public Service Commission for intrastate charges and the Federal Communications Commission for interstate charges.

When network access service revenues have been received pursuant to the settlement and access agreements above, they are divided into traffic sensitive, nontraffic sensitive and billing and collecting portions. The revenues are then either placed into a common pooling arrangement with other exchange carriers for redistribution or kept by the Company. The redistributions are made according to formulas established by the governing boards of the pools and are generally based upon expenses incurred and investment maintained. The Company participates in a pooling arrangement with the National Exchange Carrier Association.

Interstate settlement, access, and pool distribution revenues are recorded when the amounts become determinable. Related expenses are recorded when incurred. Subsequent true-ups and retroactive adjustments, which are generally allowed for a period of 24 months after the close of the related calendar year, are recorded in the year in which such adjustments become determinable.

In addition to recoveries from NECA, the Company also receives revenue from the Universal Service High Cost Loop Fund administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). The amount of support received from USAC is based on the number of customers served and the cost of providing services in that area being in excess of the national average, as determined by the FCC. The Company received \$[REDACTED] and \$[REDACTED], respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

The ability of NECA and USAC to provide these revenues to organizations similar to the Company is contingent upon regulatory and legislative rules which provide for the continuance of rate of return regulation and universal service support as currently enacted. Any regulatory or legislative changes that reduce the rate of return or universal support mechanism and the amount of revenues may have a material impact on the Company.

Income Taxes

The Company reports taxable income under Section 501(c)12 of the Internal Revenue Code as a nonexempt cooperative, permitting the cooperative to exclude from taxable income, margins generated from providing communication services to patrons. When income from nonmember sources exceeds a set percentage of total income established by the Internal Revenue Service, the non-patron source income becomes subject to taxation. Income taxes herein are provided for the tax effects of nonmember transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes.

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In accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standard's Codification No. 740, the Company is required to inventory, evaluate, and measure all uncertain tax positions taken or to be taken on tax returns, and to record liabilities for the amount of such positions that may not be sustained, or may only partially be sustained, upon examination by relevant taxing authorities. The Company's income tax filings are subject to audit by various taxing authorities. The Company's open audit periods are 2009-2012. In evaluating the Company's tax provisions and accruals, future taxable income, and the reversal of temporary differences, interpretations, and tax planning strategies are considered. The Company believes their estimates are appropriate based on current facts and circumstances.

Sales Tax

The Company excludes from its sales all sales taxes assessed to its customers. Sales taxes assessed are recorded as accrued liabilities on the balance sheet until remitted to the state agencies.

Note 2 - Investment in Property, Plant and Equipment

Telephone plant in service and under construction is stated at cost. Listed below are the major classes of telephone plant in service and the composite depreciation rates as of December 31, 2012 and 2011.

	<u>Rates</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Other work equipment		\$	\$
Buildings			
Furniture and office equipment			
Central office equipment			
Buried plant			
Less: Accumulated depreciation			
Net property, plant and equipment		\$	\$

The Company provides for depreciation on a straight-line basis at annual rates which will amortize the depreciable property over its estimated useful life.

Note 3 - Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company maintains its cash balances with one financial institution located in Cairo, Nebraska. At times, these balances may exceed the limits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). At December 31, 2012, combined uninsured amounts held at this financial institution totaled \$

Note 4 - Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through September 13, 2013, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no events that required disclosure.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481
 OMB Control No. 3060-0286/OMB Control No. 3060-0815
 July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	371590
<015> Study Area Name	SODTOWN TEL CO
<020> Program Year	2014
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Judy Christiansen
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	402-398-0062
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jchristiansen@consortiaconsulting.com

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
		(check box when complete)	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report			
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>		
<420> Mobile	<input type="text"/>		
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<440> Fixed	<input type="text"/>		
<450> Mobile	<input type="text"/>		
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> 371590ne510	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610> 371590ne610	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jchristiansen@consortiaconsulting.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to line <110> is yes, do you have an existing "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> jchristiansen@consortiaconsulting.com

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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>

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~~See attached worksheet --~~

**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<010> Study Area Code

SODTOWN TEL CO

<015> Study Area Name

2014

<020> Program Year

Judy Christiansen

<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data

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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>

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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select (Yes, No, NA)

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul
options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers
broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers

Lifeline

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

371590ne1210

Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation		FCC Form 481	
Data Collection Form		OMB Control No: 3060-0985/OMB Control No: 3060-0819	
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers		July 2013	
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting		
<2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2011>	3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))		
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))		
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))		
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

(3010) Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))
 Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(1)(i), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3011) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))
 Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report
 Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

☒ (Yes/No)
☐ (Yes/No)

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

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(3016) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows
 If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

☐ (Yes/No)

(3017) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

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(3018) If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3020) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

(3021) If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

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(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

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(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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<010>	Study Area Code	371590
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<020>	Program Year	2014
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Judy Christiansen
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	402-398-0062
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jchristiansen@consortiaconsulting.com

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

Filing Due Date for this form:

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Judy Christiansen</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Judy Christiansen
Name of Reporting Carrier:	SODTOWN TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 09/23/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Michael Plautz
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Secretary
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	308-467-2310
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	371590 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	SODTOWN TEL CO
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Judy Christiansen
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 09/23/2013
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Judy Christiansen
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	402-398-0062
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Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

Service Quality Standards

The Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.
- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution.
- Provides customers with access to the company employee either in person or via a local telephone call.
- Directs after hour calls to the company employee.
- Tracks service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Employee will:
 - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
 - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately.
 - Be knowledgeable about service offerings in order to assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.

Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

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Back-Up Power

The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. It has two sets of batteries that will provide a minimum of eight hours of use and is currently in the process of getting bids to replace these batteries. The Company also has a generator that remains in the central office at all times.

Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

The Company does not have redundant facilities that allow it to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, but the Company does have materials on hand at all times so that it can repair the damaged facilities quickly.

Traffic Spikes

The Company has a Taqua switch that has a large amount of switching capacity. Since the Company has less than a 100 customers, there is a significant amount of unused switching capacity to handle sporadic traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. The Company has an agreement with Taqua to provide support for the switch 24 hours, 7 days a week.

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Sodtoun Telephone Company

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Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program Terms and Conditions**Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program**

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) is available for qualifying customers of Sodtoun Telephone Company. NTAP assistance reduces the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$12.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in NTAP. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

NTAP is administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

NTAP Eligibility Information**Program Based Eligibility**

To qualify for NTAP, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); (formerly the Food Stamps Program)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program Free Lunch program
- State assistance programs (if applicable)

To receive an NTAP application, contact your local *Health and Human Services* agency caseworker or the *Nebraska Public Service Commission*, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68508-4927, Phone: 402-471-3101, Toll Free: 1-800-526-0017 or <https://ntap.gisworkshop.com/>

NTAP applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

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Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for NTAP if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,512	\$19,373	\$17,861
2	\$20,939	\$26,163	\$24,098
3	\$26,366	\$32,954	\$30,335
4	\$31,793	\$39,744	\$36,572
5	\$37,220	\$46,535	\$42,809
6	\$42,647	\$53,325	\$49,046
7	\$48,074	\$60,116	\$55,283
8	\$53,501	\$66,906	\$61,520
For each additional person, add	\$5,427	\$6,791	\$6,237

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of NTAP Program Service

Sodtoun Telephone Company's Voice NTAP service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Sodtoun Telephone Company's Voice NTAP Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the NTAP service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the NTAP credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Sodtoun Telephone Company. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of NTAP Eligibility

NTAP recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for NTAP will result in termination of the NTAP recipient's monthly NTAP discount and de-enrollment from NTAP.

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NTAP is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. NTAP is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.